

56. (NEW) The catheter of claim 52, wherein the second deflection member advances the distal segment through a first angle relative to the catheter body axis to position the distal segment along a first side of the catheter body axis, and both the first deflection member and the second deflection member advance the distal segment through the first angle to position the distal segment along a second side of the catheter body axis opposite the first side.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-38 have cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein and new claims 39-56 have been added. Claims 39-56 are pending and under consideration.

I. Amendments to the Specification

While no objections were made to the specification, certain minor amendments were made merely to correct reference numbers inadvertently misstated in the specification to remain consistent with previous description of the drawings. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the changes be entered.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Certain of claims 1-38 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-38 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejections Under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-38 stand rejected under 35 USC §103 in view of various prior art documents. Claims 1-38 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. New Claims Added

New claims 39-56 have been added. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, in FIGS. 2-7 and 8-16, and the accompanying description set forth in the specification. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that new claims 39-56 be entered.

None of the prior art documents, alone or in combination, teach or suggest the features of the present invention as set forth in new claims 39-56. Accordingly, an allowance of new claims 39-56 is respectfully requested.

V. Conclusion

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

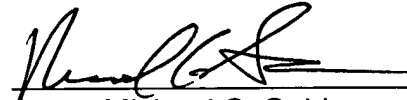
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney to attend to these matters.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 13, line 24 has been amended as follows:

-- FIG. 6 illustrates a +270° curvature in the distal section [22] 30 effected by retraction of both push-pull wires 54 and 56, and FIG. 7 illustrates a +270° curvature in the distal section [22] 30 effected by retraction of only curve deflection push-pull wire [5] 54. In this way, the distal electrode 12 is positioned at -90° to the proximal section 22, which is a useful orientation for ablating or mapping the heart wall at the caval-tricuspid isthmus or sites under in the ventricles the mitral or tricuspid valve flaps. --